

HOUSE No. 921

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William G. Greene, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to providing certain benefits for cancer patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
William G. Greene, Jr.	22nd Middlesex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 966 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR CANCER PATIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10D of chapter 118E of the 2006 Official Edition of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the new subsection:—SECTION 10E. The division shall provide coverage for scalp hair prosthesis, as
3 defined by section 47T of chapter 175, for expenses for scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a result
4 of the treatment of any form of cancer or leukemia; provided, however, that such coverage shall be subject to a
5 written statement by the treating physician that the scalp hair prosthesis is medically necessary; and provided,
6 further, that such coverage shall be subject to the same limitations and guidelines as other prostheses. Any such
7 decision shall be made in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the department of public health.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 176M, of the 2006 Official Edition of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the new
9 subsection:—Section 6B. The Nongroup Advisory Board is hereby directed to add as a benefit, under an individual
10 nongroup health insurance policy, coverage for scalp hair prosthesis, as defined by section 47T of chapter 175, for
11 expenses for scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a result of treatment of any form of cancer or
12 leukemia; provided, however, that such coverage shall be subject to a written statement by the treating physician that
13 the scalp hair prosthesis is medically necessary; and provided, further, that such coverage shall be subject to the
14 same limitations and guidelines as other prostheses.